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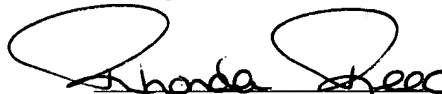
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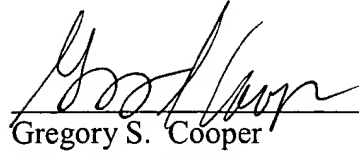
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It is respectfully submitted that this document serves as both Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance in response to a Notice of Allowability mailed on May 11, 2004, a Statement of the Substance of the Interview in response to an Interview Summary mailed on May 11, 2004.

The term "slight" added to claim 8 to form the phrase "slight arcuate path" as well as the rationale for the amendment thereto were derived and suggested by the examiner. In addition, the changing of the phrase "firing direction" to "aiming direction" in both the specification and the claims was also derived and suggested by the examiner and not considered new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

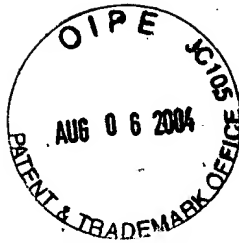
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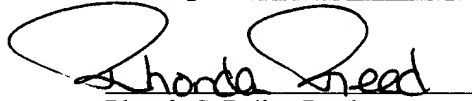
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Formal drawings meeting the requirements of 37 CFR Section 1.84 are hereby submitted.  
Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes  
& Thornburg LLP, Account Number 02-1010 (15847/82399).

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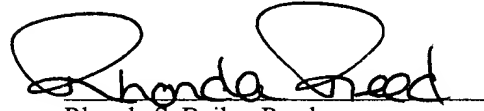
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☐ **After Final**

☐ **Affidavits/declaration(s)**

☐ **Extension of Time Request**

☐ **Express Abandonment Request**

☐ **Information Disclosure Statement**

☐ **Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)**

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☒ **Drawing(s)**

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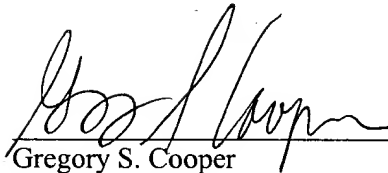
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- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
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- ☐ After Allowance Communication to Group

- ☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
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